

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-7. (Cancelled).

8. (Previously Presented) A method for recording a sequence of multivalued data on a recording medium, comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving the sequence of multivalued data for consecutive recording on a single track of the recording medium;

(b) representing the sequence received in step (a) by a sequence of power levels;

(c) grouping the sequence of power levels in step (b) into groups, with each group having first, second and third consecutive power levels from the sequence of power levels;

(d) averaging the first and third power levels to obtain an averaged power level;

(e) modifying the second power level in each group by a derived value dependent on the averaged power level; and

(f) recording on the single track the sequence of power levels of step (b) after being modified by step (e).

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 wherein step (e) includes the steps of:

 differencing the averaged power level and the second power level to obtain a difference; and

 multiplying the difference by a predetermined factor to obtain the derived value.

10. (Currently Amended) A method of reducing inter-symbol interference on multivalued data in a read process by adjusting the power of a write pulse in a multivalued write process, comprising the steps of:

- (a) storing temporarily multivalued data sequentially;
- (b) assigning a write laser power respectively to each multivalued; ~~and~~
- (c) modifying the write laser powers sequentially using multivalued of a preceding ~~recorded~~-mark value and a following mark value; and
- (d) recording sequentially on a single track the modified write laser powers.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein step (c) includes determining a modification quantity ~~determined~~ by an average value of the preceding mark value and the following mark value to be ~~recorded~~stored.

12. (Cancelled).